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In re the Application of:

Inventor(s): KARP, Christoph D., et al.

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For: PRESSURIZED MICROFLUIDIC
DEVICES WITH OPTICAL DETECTION
REGIONS

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) Examiner: Cygan, Michael T.

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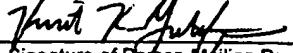
This communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed on April 14, 2005, the time for responding thereto being set at on or before July 14, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this Amendment is timely filed. If Applicant should be mistaken in this regard, however, then please treat this as a petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 502454 for any necessary petition fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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